

TIVERTON HARBOR COMMISSION

*343 Highland Road
Tiverton Rhode Island 02878*

MINUTES OF MEETING – AUGUST 3, 2009

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Meeting was called to order by Chairman John McEwing at 1930 hours.

Harbor Commission Members present were: John McEwing, Chairman, Bob Dixon, Roger Winiarski, Harris Gruber, Secretary, and Frank diMauro. David Stewart, Vice-Chairman, and Bruce Cox were absent. Harbormaster Dave Vannier was also present.

Also attending was Resident Charlie Smith and PE William Smith, on behalf of resident Jim Porter

– MINUTES OF 6/29 MEETING – Not ready.

– CORRESPONDENCE -

1 – A letter was received from RI CRMC, dated June 10, 2009, presented to the meeting by Harbormaster Dave Vannier, regarding an application by James Porter and Joan Touchette, of 100 Riverside Drive, Tiverton, with regard to a “seawall maintenance plan”. The letter contained conditional approval of the project from CRMC.

2 – Harbormaster Dave Vannier presented a letter from Resident Betty Jerome, who resides adjacent to Nannaquaket Pond, regarding boat traffic and conservation considerations in the Pond.

3 – Harbormaster Dave Vannier also responded to a recent letter from Dr. Jeremiah Lowney Jr., of Portsmouth, regarding the large number of commercial moorings in Tiverton and Portsmouth. , Since Dr. Lowney had also had a similar letter published in the Sakonnet Times, Dave Vannier attended and presented to the Town Council meeting that Tiverton has 158 moorings on our side of the channel (within stipulated limits), 77 of which are commercial (48%), the bulk belong to Standish BY; Quality Yachts has lost two (2) to the bridge construction project.

CONSTRUCTION -

1 – A presentation was made by PE William Smith on behalf of James Porter/Joan Touchette for re-construction of a failed bulkhead on their property at 100 Riverside Drive. CRMC approvals and drawings were presented (attached). After

discussion, Bob Dixon moved to approve the proposal, Harris Gruber seconded, voting was unanimously in favor.

2 – Resident Charlie Smith stated that we need a depiction of the “barge parking” plan. HM Dave Vannier had a meeting with Cashman Equipment Corporation and presented a copy of their “Water Operation Layout Overview Plan for Bridge Replacement Sakonnet River Bridge No. 250”, which contains just such details (attached).

3 – Charlie Smith also commented that parking on Riverside Drive has now become very crowded and haphazard, due to the bridge construction. It was also remarked that the residents of Riverside Drive are very upset with serious traffic and access disruptions. It was strongly recommended that the Town Administrator schedule frequent public meetings regarding the bridge construction to hear reports, complaints and suggestions on the matter.

OLD BUSINESS -

1 – Dinghy Dock/Town Landing -

2 – Recommended Ordinance Changes, proposed by HM Dave Vannier, regarding
a) Mooring fees
b) Harbormaster Job Description
c) Wording for authorization to remove abandoned or illegal moorings

3 – Further discussions on “Harbor Commission Volunteers” (?Waterfront Projects Assistants?).....many matters in our purview require more “warm bodies” to accomplish.

4 – Report from subcommittee on future HC projects

5 – Report from subcommittee on proposed meetings with Personnel Board, with regard to a proper description of the Harbormaster's job.

NEW BUSINESS -

1 – Mooring floats and boats moored in Sin and Flesh Creek;

2 – Question of ?illegal? “pulleyline” moorings along east shore of Nannaquaket Pond

3 – Notes on dock construction and dock improvements for which no permit is presently on record, nor CRMC applications have been received nor the required CRMC tags on display on such projects;

4 – Possible illegal shoreline filling on the property of ?Mark Rego? At 227 Riverside Drive;

5 – Status of permitting and construction at Quality Yachts/Northrip Marina/Trinity Marine;

6 – Possible use of PVC markers on moorings, instead of stickers

7 – Outstanding issue of questionable use of Harbor Patrol boat by Fire or Police Departments, without prior permission or consultation with Harbormaster. Possible serious conflict. Letter from John McEwing to be sent to Fire Chief, with copy to Town Administrator

8 – Bob Dixon moved (seconded and approved unanimously) that a letter be sent to the Coast Guard, thanking them for the light sticks that were provided in quantity for July 4th celebrants aboard boats.

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT (see website)

Meeting adjourned at 2215 hours.

Respectfully submitted -

Harris Gruber, Secretary